

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 17-65 were presented for examination and were pending in this application. In an Official Action dated June 30, 2004, claims 19-31 and 40-65 were allowed; claims 1, 4, 5, 17, 18, 32-35, 37, and 39 were rejected; and claims 2, 3, 6-8, 36, and 38 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant herein amends claims 2, 3, 6, 36, and 38 to place them into independent form for allowance. Claims 7 and 8 remain in their original form, since they both depend from claim 6, which the Examiner stated would be allowable if rewritten into independent form and which has been amended herein to be placed into independent form. In addition, in claims 2, 3, 6, 36, and 38, Applicant has amended the term "at two locations" to read "at at least two locations." Without agreeing with the Examiner's arguments, Applicant herein cancels, without prejudice, rejected claims 1, 4, 5, 17, 18, 32-35, 37, and 39, which will be included in a continuation application that Applicant intends to file. Applicant adds no new claims.

CONCLUSION

In sum, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 2, 3, 6-8, 36, and 38 are now also in a form for allowance. Therefore, Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of these claims.

In addition, Applicant respectfully invites Examiner to contact Applicant's representative at the number provided below if Examiner believes it will help expedite furtherance of this application.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
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